



Support Our Kids ~ひとりじゃないよ



New Zealand Home stay report



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NPO Jidai No Souzou koubou

Overview

- **Objective** :
 - Independence support for children affected by 3/11 Tohoku Earthquake
 - Leadership training for generations who will be restoring affected area
 - Mental health care
 - Training to be an international minded person
 - Be a Japan represent to other countries
- **Applicants** : 1st round 30 Secondary students
2nd round 20 University Students
- **Duration** : 1st round July 27th - August 19th (24 days)
2nd round August 18th – September 8th (22 days)
- **Destination** : Auckland, New Zealand
- **School** : 3 selected secondary schools in Auckland (see next slide)
- **Accommodation** : Homestays provided from school
- **Program** :
 - 1、 School exchange program
 - 2、 Outdoor/Educational Activities
 - 3、 Farm experience
 - 4、 Volunteer activity
 - 5、 Cultural experience
 - 6、 All blacks Training session



participant

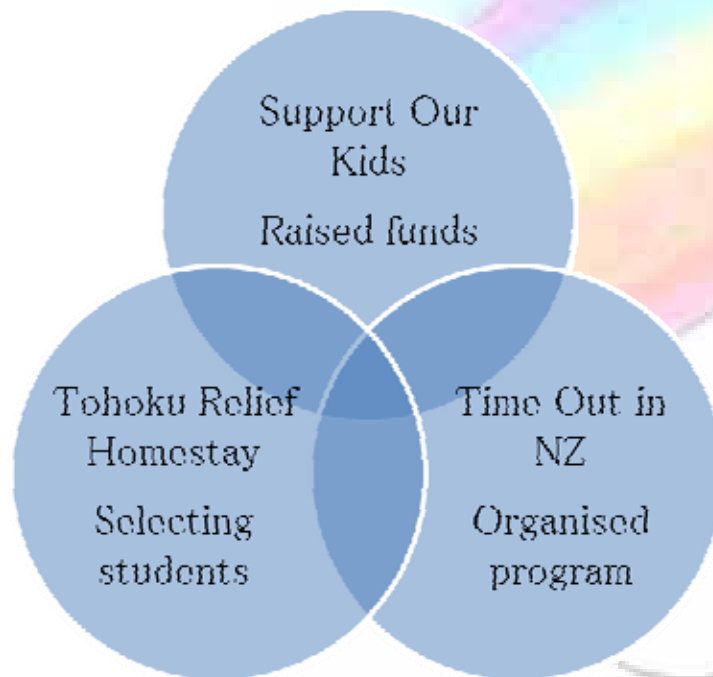
■Applicant

Children between age of 12 – 18 who have either lost home or family member due to March 11th earthquake, devastating tsunamis and the ongoing nuclear threat.

- Miyagi Prefecture 19 students
- Iwate Prefecture 1 student
- Fukushima Prefecture 10 students



Organisation



■ Support Our Kids committee

Committee organised as part of NPO Jidai No Souzou Koubou / Young Men's restoration support association
Administration office for the charity event on 24th June. Project planning and raised funds for the exchange program.

■ Tohoku Relief Homestay

NPO organised by Jesus Lifehouse.
Ground work on finding/screening students.

■ Time Out In New Zealand

Non-profit community organisation based in New Zealand. Created/operated exchange program



Schools

■ Mount Albert Grammar School



Mount Albert Grammar School has successfully served its community since 1922. The School has consistently achieved excellence in academic, sporting and cultural areas. The School offers a high quality of educational opportunity amidst the strong traditions of one of the oldest and best schools in Auckland.

■ Diocesan School for Girls



Established in 1903, and founded on the Anglican faith, Diocesan is a school with a proud heritage of excellence in all aspects of girls' education, a solid ethical foundation and a harmony between tradition and innovation underlying every aspect of the School.

Diocesan has approximately 1400 students, from year levels 0 to 13.

■ Lynfield College



Lynfield College has a proud tradition of serving the central-west Auckland area for over 50 years. In that time it has developed a reputation as a centre of academic excellence in a safe, caring, positive environment. Students are encouraged to take full part in the busy life of the college, and participate in the many and varied sporting, arts, cultural, and leadership opportunities.



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Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30
				Arrival	Farm experience	Horse riding Zorb
7/31	8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6
Black water rafting(Glow warm)	Sight seeing (Zoo, Shopping mall)	School	School	School	All Blacks training session	City sight seeing
8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13
Day off	School	School	National Musium	School	School	Day Off
8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20
Farewell BBQ Visiting National Park	School	Naval Base	School	School	Departure	



Supporting organisation

Air New Zealand
ANZCO
Aorangi Peak Restaurant
Aotea NZ Souvenirs Auckland
Argrodome
Auckland Tourism
Auckland Zoo
Bancorp
Big Chill
Bluebird
Buddle Findlay
Cookie Time
Cowper Haulage
Creative Rotorua – RAVE
DFS New Zealand Ltd
Essentially Group
Farmhouse Rotorua Ltd
Film Construction
Fonterra
Frucor / Suntory
Fullers
Goodman Fielder
Heinz Watties Ltd
HMNZ Naval Base
Japanese Society of Rotorua
Kiwi Experience/ THL
Kiwi Icecream
Kobushi-Kai
Map New Zealand Ltd
Mchan
Millennium Hotel, Rotorua
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Mount Albert Aquatic Centre
New Zealand Embassy Tokyo
Nightingale & Associates
NZ Network Ltd
OK Gift Shop Ltd
Pak n Save - Rotorua
Photo Wonder New Zealand
Pizza Hutt – Rotorua
PROJECT Chiyo-ni Japan
Rainbow Springs
Recreational Services Ltd
Recursive
Rotorua District Council
Simply New Zealand
Sky City
Skyline – Rotorua
St Pierre's Sushi – Elliot St
Sweet Ideas
Tamakai Maori Village Rotorua
Tangatarua Marae - Waiariki Institute of Technology, Rotorua
Te Puia
Terrace Downs Resort
The Warehouse
Tip Top
Tip Top Bakery
Waiariki Institute of Technology
Waikiti Valley Thermal Pools
Waitomo Caves
Whittakers
Windsor Stud
Yamato Restaurant
ZESPRI International Limited
Zorb Rotorua

Photos from program

1、 School



2、 Activities



Photos from program

5、 Cultural experience



6、 Meeting All Blacks



Report from Children

<Before>

On March 11th, I was out with my friends for a drive.
It was few weeks til I start my tertiary education in Tokyo so whole bunch of high school friends got together for a day trip before we part our ways.

We were driving along the coast of Iwaki, Fukushima, talking about the high school days we had just finished when everyones mobile went bizzare.

As we were checking our phones, we started seeing buildings on the side of the road collapsing. We quickly drove away from coast and stop on top of the near hill.

I tried to get in touch with my family but reception was gone. I then tried to get home but because my home is few hundred meters away from the beach, it was badly damaged by Tsunami and still was under water so we decided to stay the night in the car. Power, water, gas had stopped and on top of it, there were no gas for cars which meant we had no way to escape from the situation.

Luckily my uncle came to help us and we stayed at my grand parents place for a week but by this time, We had lost home which is about 40Km from Nuclear plant, my prents lost their jobs...

When I heard about this exchange program, I thought this could be an opportunity to have time out as well as a way for me to step from where I am and learn something from it. I felt guilty since my family are still stuck inthe situation but they have happily sent me out.

I hope this could be a good challenge for me.

<After>

I was rather worried about this at start. To be away from Japan without having no-one that I know.
But as soon as I got there, the idea was gone. I was having so much fun.

First few days in Rotorua, learning about Maori culture, Saw Haka, Lovely home stay family who took me to so many places, Meeting All Blacks, I knew nothing about rugby but became big fan now!

It was hard to hold conversation at start but slowly I got better and I could make a basic conversation by the end of it.
One thing that changed my perception was school. Its so differnt from schools in Japan. It was multi-cultural, very free in good way. People would smile and say hi.

At one of last activity, we went to a national park and when I saw the view from top of the hill, I was so glad I decided to come and made me appreciated being alive.

I was so frustrated that I could only say "Thank you" about this to the people who helped putting this program together. I wanted to thank so much more. I am going to study English and will come back to show my appreciation to the people I have met thru this.

Lastly, I am amazed by people who put this together. I knew basic information at beginning but it was much much bigger project than what I had thought. I am stunned by how many people were willing to help ones they dont even know.

My life is never the same after this. I have 3 goals now. one is make my dream real, another is learn to speak English, and do what I can do to let others who suffered know about this feeling I got from this program.

I will never forget this experience. The people I met, the blue sky. It made me stronger and with it I can move on with my life.

Again, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to everyone who was involved in this program.



Report from Children

<Before>

When earthquake hit Tohoku, I just remember the sound of it. It was very loud and scary sound. The power was out straight away. I went to reach my radio in my room to find out whats going on. When I heard about what had just hit us and that Tsunami was coming and its expected to be 6 meters, I felt fear and I went to my parents(they had a restaurant in same property) and we got together and to go to evacuation area. At this point we did not feel we were in danger so my parents went to grab food.

While I was waiting for them with my grand father, we had few people telling us to get out and escape. But I waited for my parents to come back. When they came back and we were getting ready to move, I heard someone screaming "Tsunami is here!!!!". I saw black wall coming towards us with houses and boats, smashing anything on its way. I looked around and saw people running for their life, ones on their knees praying, ones jumping in the car. we tried to get away with car but the road was filled up with everyone and couldnt move. we decided to go towards tsunami, to the tall bridge and quickly got out and climbed up the bridge.

From there, I saw people and car getting wiped out. the ones who just couldnt make it to the bridge....

It was 10pm when rescue came to help us.

After few days, we went to see our town and everything had gone. my parents restaurant was gone, the house was left with only 3rd floor. we lost everything.

<After>

When I heard about this program from my father, I was rather worried because I didnt know much of how this was put together, who is doing this. With our situation, no media, no internet at evacuation center, we could gain only little information about it. But when I got to the air port and met organisers, I found out that 660 people had donated for us to join this program. I was shocked with the fact that there were so many people who put this together for someone they dont know.

I had a wonderful time in New Zealand. outdoor activities, learning about Maori, farm experience, schooling.

It took me little time to get used to some of the things but I quickly adopted culture.

I made lots of friends thru this.

Before this program I had no such thing as dream. I never really wanted to do anything and took easy way for everything.

Now I have a dream and it is to work in other country, or work in international company.

I would like to thank again to the people who put this together. This has changed my life and I am a different person.

I have a dream now and can step forward instead of looking back.

Thank you very much



Report from Children

<Before>

When earthquake hit Tohoku, I was out with my friends at a shopping mall. We had just finished watching a movie and were enjoying shopping. We felt big shake and power went. Its a big shopping mall so we were ok with tsunami but I couldnt get thru to my mum. and I spent the night at evacuation center. We could see fire at night and I was very worried. it was a long night. My mum works near by the ocean so when I heard about how big Tsunami was, I actually thought She was dead. From there was days of no food, no water, I was worried, frustrated, angry, I just didnt know what to do....

After 5 days, I bumped into my mum on the street. I cannot express how happy I was. We together went to our relatives place for 2 weeks from there. I met all my family but my grand father. He was taken by Tsunami. We found him at morgue fter few weeks. It was very tough time.

When I heard about this program, I was not keen because there are whole lot of people still suffering from earthquake including my family. but my mum and my family thought its a good opportunity for me and I decided to go.

I choose New zealand because it was my grand fathers favourite country. He was a sailor and he had told me a lot about it.

I am hoping this could be a good experience

<After>

First 4 days in Rotorua was amazing with so many activities, Maori and Haka. We stayed at Maoris community center which was really warm and nice. I tried my first bungee jump! and met mayor of Rotorua city who was very kind to us, The stars at night was so beautiful. I had never seen something like it.

The homestay family was so kind to me. we went to markets, festivals, home parties. I really felt like I was part of family. The school was such good time with buddies and new friends. 3 weeks went so quick... I couldnt stop crying when I was leaving.

After al the fun stuff, towards the end of my stay, I started to think about what I want to do with my life. After the earthquake, i was not motivated to do anything. I had a dream but I didnt even think about it for last 5 months but thru this program, its given me positive energy and power to get back on my track to do what I wanted to do.

I have to say that last 5 month was so tough... such tough time. and I didnt think I could experience such good time few months ago. I could not thank enough here but one day when I achieve my goal, I want to come back to everyone who supported tme thru this and tell them that I got to where I am because i had your support. This is my lifetime goal.

Reality is tough and after this, we have to go back to our home. the home and town thats been demolished. But I am not the same person before this program and i want to do my best to help people around me as well as move on with my life.

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity.



Local Media

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Zealand Herald website. The main article is titled "Tsunami victim: NZ trip 'felt like mum's wishes'". The article describes how a 14-year-old girl, Misa, felt like her mother's wishes were being fulfilled during her trip to New Zealand. The website layout includes a navigation bar, a search bar, and various news sections like "National headlines" and "Now that's Smart".

This is a screenshot of a video player from 3NEWS. The video shows a large whale carcass washed up on a beach. The player interface includes a progress bar, a "VIDEON DEMAND" button, and a "5 ratings" indicator. The video title is "Tsunami victim: NZ trip 'felt like mum's wishes'".

This is a screenshot of another video player from 3NEWS. The video shows three people, two women and one man, standing outdoors and talking. The player interface is similar to the first video, with a progress bar, "VIDEON DEMAND" button, and "5 ratings" indicator. The video title is "Tsunami victim: NZ trip 'felt like mum's wishes'".

